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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Robert E.
4 Ritschel, President of Spoon River College, on his retirement;
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6 WHEREAS, Robert E. Ritschel, the seventh president of Spoon
7 River College, assumed this leadership post on August 1, 2005;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Ritschel is a career educator, having been
10 associated as a teacher or administrator in both community
11 colleges and universities in Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois,
12 Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Carolina, and Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, He is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma; he received a
14 Bachelor of Arts in Education from Northeastern Oklahoma State
15 University, a Master of Music from the University of Texas at
16 Austin, and a Doctor of Education from the University of
17 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Ritschel has taught students from junior high
19 to graduate school and has published articles in several
20 national educational journals and higher education
21 publications; and

1 WHEREAS, He is a member of the Canton Rotary Club, serving
2 recently as president; he received the Rotarian of the Year by
3 the Malden, Missouri Rotary in 1997-98, and he served as a
4 member of the Board of Directors for the Steamboat Springs,
5 Colorado, Rotary Club, where he was a member from 2000-2005; he
6 is also a Paul Harris Fellow; and

7 WHEREAS, He will enjoy retirement along with his wife of 43
8 years, Sharyl; his daughters Jennifer and Karen; his grandsons
9 Ethan, Max, Jack, and Bennett; and his granddaughter, Lanie;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Robert Ritschel on his retirement and wish him
14 all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Robert Ritschel as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.